

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on **27 April 2009**, the Examiner reviewed claims 1, 3, 5-9, 11, 13-17, 19, 21-24, and 35-39. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1, 3, 5-9, 11, 13-17, 19, 21-24, and 35-37 are drawn to distributed data processing, classified in class 709, and subclass 201.
- II. Claims 38-39 are drawn to computer-to-computer data addressing classified in class 709, and subclass 245.

Restriction Requirement

Applicant hereby elects invention I for examination with a traversal, as presented below. Claims 1, 3, 5-9, 11, 13-17, 19, 21-24, and 35-37 read on invention I. Applicant has cancelled claims 38-39.

New Claim

Applicant added new claim 40. The subject matter of claim 40 is supported by paragraphs [0027]-[0030] of the specification, but is significantly different in scope and limitations than cancelled claims 38-39. Thus, the newly added claim is not a restatement of previously restricted claims. Examiner is invited to compare cancelled claims 38-39 to new claim 40 to see the clear distinctions between these claims.

Applicant respectfully points out that claim 40 is more narrowly worded than claims 1, 3, 5-9, 11, 13-17, 19, 21-24, and 35-37, but covers the same basic subject matter as these claims. More specifically, the operations of retrieving resource records and issuing queries have been more specifically enumerated in the new claim to clarify the distinctions between the claimed invention and the prior art. Thus, claim 40 should not be classified into a different class and

subclass than claims 1, 3, 5-9, 11, 13-17, 19, 21-24, and 35-37, and hence should not be made subject to a restriction requirement.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the application is presently in form for allowance.
Such action is respectfully requested.

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